

# Soft touches of KITCHEN LOVE

Misty whites and eggshell blues are go-to colours for summery kitchens

**W**hite has been the consistent colour of choice for kitchens over the years, and while we're seeing bolder colours emerge, softly-hued kitchens remain steady in their versatility, with designers adding extra dimension to lift white kitchens away from streamlined, uncluttered

looks, to those that brim with personality and modern accents.

A kitchen built on a soft colour scheme can work with many styles of home – from traditional villas to modernist mid-century style; contemporary to beachy casual.

White is timeless, fresh and elegant,

with an endless number of variations to choose from; crisp icy whites, fleecy whites, ivory whites, hint-of-cream whites. Think Resene Sea Fog, Resene Alabaster, Resene Rice Cake and Resene Blanc. Check out the Resene Whites & Neutrals collection to see where a lick of paint and your imagination takes you.



## Tips and tricks to make your white kitchen sing

**CABINETRY STYLE** Try a cabinet style that moves away from the standard flat profile; a panel profile or tongue and groove are both unique options. Also think about diverse cabinet treatments; glass-front cabinets offer a stylish, modern option. Playing with gloss levels can create a point of difference, while many kitchen cabinets have a gloss finish for practicality (they're easy to wipe) and freshness, a luxurious satin Resene AquaLAQ finish creates an elegant effect.

**SUBTLE COLOUR ACCENTS** Use two soft colours at once – think off-white with pale blue, softest sage or wheaten gold. Or go to the other extreme by utilising touches of a highly contrasting colour like black – try Resene All Black for a bold option, or for a soft black, check out Resene Nocturnal.

**VISUAL TEXTURE** Introduce visual texture in the form of marble or stone-look benchtops. Timber also adds visual and tactile texture, bringing warmth and interest to the scheme. Use the Resene Colorwood wood stains collection to enhance the timber, or if you're after a beachy or rustic look, try Resene Colorwood Whitewash or Resene Colorwood Greywash on timber cabinetry, walls or flooring.

**ATTENTION TO DETAIL** The devil is in the detail when you are creating a subtle colour scheme. Introduce touches such as character handles, black tapware or stunning benchtop materials and try a non-integrated approach to appliances to help them blend into the overall design. >>

For a casual Cape Cod look, cabinets in Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta are offset by walls in Resene Half Periglacial Blue. Timber accents in the window joinery and open shelves are complemented by black character handles.

Strong attention to detail gives this white kitchen an elegant, traditional look in a contemporary way. The kitchen island in Resene Akaroa introduces a subtle difference in colour and creates contrast within the large space. Additional cabinets feature Resene Alabaster, with walls in Resene Quarter Akaroa. Kitchen designed by Susan Templer of Templer Interiors.

